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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: Erik J. Panken, et al.

For: Atrial Aware VII - A Method for Atrial Synchronous Ventricular (VDD/R) Pacing Using the Subcutaneous Electrode Array and a Standard Pacing Lead

Serial No.: 09/736,640

Filed: December 12, 2000

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 872-9302 at the Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 12th day of May, 2003.

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- X AMENDMENT
 X Request for Two-Month Extension of Time

FEE CALCULATION:

FEE CALCULATION	No. of Claims Filed	No. of Claims Previously paid for	No. of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	14	14	0	x 18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x 84	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+ 270	
TOTAL					\$.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for two-months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of **\$410.00** for extension of time fee.
- X Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

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5-1403**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Erik J. Panken, et al. Docket: P-7443.00
Serial No.: 09/736,640 Group Art: 3742
Filed: December 14, 2000 Examiner: Sang Yeop Paik
Title: ATRIAL AWARE VVI – A METHOD FOR ATRIAL
SYNCHRONOUS VENTRICULAR (VDD/R) PACING USING THE
SUBCATANEOUS ELECTRODE ARRAY AND A STANDARD
PACING LEAD

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Paik:

This Amendment responds to the non-final Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, which Office Action set a three-month statutory period for response that expired on March 12, 2002. Applicants herewith petition for a two-month extension of the time for response thus extending said period from 12 March to 12 May. Pursuant to the Rule 8 certificate accompanying this Amendment, Applicants assert that the Amendment is timely filed in advance of the expiration of said extended period.

In the Office Action pending claims 1 through 14 stand rejected; specifically, claims 1 – 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; claim 14 stands rejected under 36 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; claims 1-5 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b); and claims 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: